

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JUNE 16, 2014, 555 S. 10TH STREET
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTORS' MEETING**

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Present: Doug Emery, Chair; Jon Camp; Roy Christensen; Jonathan Cook; Carl Eskridge; and Leirion Gaylor Baird

Absent: Trent Fellers

Others: Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; and Denise Pearce, Senior Policy Counsel

Chair Emery opened the meeting at 2:14 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

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With no corrections the above minutes placed on file in the City Council Office.

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1. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Camp, Cook

Camp stated the PBC discussed the prisoner transfer from County Court. Several employees sent letters and attended a meeting expressing concerns of the north parking lot. Individuals had parked in the south lot, not being charged. Employees pay \$30/month to use the north lot and anticipated to park under the public covered area. Concerned with City agency vehicles monopolizing desired spaces. We will examine and determine if there's a better way to balance the need to protect city and employee vehicles.

Continue to work on the budget. Did reviewed contract amendments and awarded H & H Parking, for structure repair, approximately \$337,000 for concrete and parking devices, resulting in about 100 stalls.

Cook mentioned there will be a stock auction for the jail old stock not purchased by other counties. Will have the email distributed to Council Members.

2. Railroad Safety Transportation District (RSTD) - Christensen, Emery, Gaylor Baird

Christensen stated they voted to dedicate, or ask to be dedicated, the total 2.6¢ levy to the RSTD, beginning this year. Smoyer was absent and the vote passed with a 3 - 2 margin. Did generate an newspaper editorial. Cook thanked RSTD members for doing. Eskridge added to plan 10 years out is wise, and it is a County road. Christensen commented now estimating the amount needed for the overpasses, over the railroads. Legitimately it is the function of the RSTD to provide the funds.

Gaylor Baird agreed, adding last time we received verification of what the levy would be, but this time they didn't say anything on what they anticipated.

Emery added another fact is the number of projects, all to be financed a certain amount. If we reduce financing we have to eliminate projects, or pro-rate. We work on a system to not buy bonds, but accrue the money before we do a job. Each year not fully funded is another year of less money for projects needing to be done. The assumption is with less money it will all go to the South Beltway. May not be a fair assumption as other projects in town, such as NW 48th; 33rd & Cornhusker need. Might look like a scrabble for the money.

3. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Cook

Cook stated they approved a policy for handicap flags, which had some confusion before. Basically if someone has a disability but has a cart flag they're allowed to drive closer to the hole. There are times you cannot take carts on the course because of potential damage caused by weather, etc.

Cook commented still working on the marshaling policy. Emery understood there were 2 courses with volunteers and 2 being short of volunteers. Hope we use and possibly once we start it will encourage more people to participate. Camp asked if Cook received the Nesbitt email on concerns of some overhead going to the General Fund? Cook replied he saw but the Board did not discuss. Camp stated it listed 20% overhead for City. Pearce added they'll work with Johnson later today. Cook commented Johnson will also respond to the World Herald article. A lot of people unhappy with some elements but only listen to 1 side.

Received "Playful City" designation. Hoped it would provide grant support but they only supply grants for wood playground equipment, not our standard, but a nice designation.

We have a public art inventory, for insurance purposes. Public art in the parks and public right-of-way with the public art in the parks approximately \$4 million. Cook listed some art, including the Candy Box located at the Pinnacle Arena, valued at \$317,000. Gaylor Baird asked if the heads which will be installed in the Haymarket were listed? Cook replied the list is for existing art. The heads are private art.

4. Board of Health - Emery

Emery stated the Board discussed proposed fees for environmental public service which will come to the City Council. Numerous people worked on fees, with their fees generated and not budgeted. Trying to raise about 3% periodically rather than all at one time.

Emery added they talked about strategic planning, with Halstead and Carr working on a long range strategic plan with members. Received a summary report on tobacco and how we're proceeding. Doing well but with some issues. We send juveniles to make buys, or attempt to buy. An interesting item, the person who sells is the one fined, not the store. Exactly the opposite of what we do with alcohol. Don't know what we'd do if a store consistently showed on the report. At some point may think it's a training issue. See an increase in women smoking, with men and youth down.

Doctor Lester facilitated a short discussion on "Move More Lincoln" and our attempt at 5 million hours this summer of exercise.

5. Joint Budget Committee (JBC) - Emery, Gaylor Baird

Gaylor Baird stated Boesch reported on the ongoing community meetings regarding vital signs, with approximately 50 people reviewing data and going over objectives. The non-profit community is concerned and taking the document and continuing, making sure it results in tangible action. She stated there is an Ethics Conference being promoted. Someone coming from D. C. with the goal being to educate non-profit professionals on how to spot potential problems, and avoid financial situations, which we've seen with the YWCA. Basically giving people the tools they need to prevent fraud.

Gaylor Baird added there is funding which previously assisted language translation for medical professionals. These funds are needed as medical professionals are finding new, current methods of translators on site.

Returned \$5,000 to the JBC Emergency Fund, which is now replenished back to the \$10,000 goal level.

Gaylor Baird stated they received recommendations on the Juvenile Justice Prevention Fund, made up

of grants totaling \$110,000. Most grants go to organizations which work with groups, like the Girl Scouts, Family Service, Friendship Home, Malone Community Center, Youth Clubs, support for at-risk youth, after school. Plus, they build parent youth relationships. This is Juvenile Justice work. Discussed CLC's and their importance and think this is very related. A lot of after school activities promote healthy relationships and activities for children. Not just academic, social, and emotional but also promote ways of preventing children from becoming victims or perpetrators of future crime. You see this reflected in the organizations they've chosen to fund.

Gaylor Baird commented Ryan Dvorak is starting in the Human Services Department, as a gang prevention specialist. His position is grant funded through the Crime Commission with federal dollars. He is charged with developing a plan in conjunction with LPD, where they'll examine data and community comments which the Police Department has received on their gang policy. A plan will be developed for our community's response, viewing the young adult gang violence. Just a one year grant but they hope to make a lot of progress. Ryan will be housed in the Police Department.

Emery added Juvenile Justice Prevention meets once a year to distribute grants, totaling \$110,000. We have given grants, through the JBC, to non-profits and our concerns are the issues over the last several years with agencies who have been in trouble. Now trying to figure a way to encourage people to tie into the grant responsibilities so everyone understands. We want people who understand ethics, or have been schooled in ethics, before we award a grant.

6. Multicultural Committee (MAC) - Eskridge

Eskridge stated they will continue discussion in August on non-discrimination and hiring procedures. Taking efforts to make sure all community segments are represented in City government.

III. REQUESTS FROM MAYOR

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Council Committee/Board Assignments

Emery stated the Railroad Transportation Safety District Council uses Roger Figard, a City employee. Determined this works better with a County Chair, and Christensen as Vice Chair. On the Joint Budget Committee have Boesch, a County employee, and decided it would be best to have a City Chair, which will be Gaylor Baird.

Emery added everyone has copy of Committee Assignments. Some Members have 6 committees and others have as few as 3. Realize Members work but would like to equal somewhat. Those with a low amount of committees are requested to examine the list and possibly find committees to participate in.

Emery stated Eskridge volunteered to take on another but he participates in 6 committees now. Members have this opportunity to think about different committees and what to participate in. Some committees meet quarterly, some weekly, or once a month.

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Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

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